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LATEST NEWS ITEMS.

HOME.

Small-pox of a virulent type has broken out at Labasheeda, village in the Kildare Union.

Mrs. Catherine Matilda Bassett, who died at Chatham on Friday, was within a few months of attaining her 100th year.

At Marylebone a publican, of Capland street, named James Thompson, was fined £20 for giving diluted beer.

Mr. E. Spencer, M.P., having paired for the remainder of the session, has left for Hamburg, accompanied by Mrs. Spencer.

A public reception was given on Friday by the Mayor and Corporation of Cardiff to the Welsh Regiment, after their march from Pembroke Dock.

Sir C. Dilke, M.P., and Mr. R. McKenna, M.P., have challenged any two members of the Government in either House to a paired race on the Thames.

Five men were badly injured on Thursday in the coal pit of Mr. A. Knowles, Pendleton.

They were thrown out of the wagon, of which the couplings broke as it descended.

The Technical Education Board of the L.C.C. will award in December an additional 300 Junior County Scholarships, 200 to boys and 100 to girls.

On Thursday, while Sir C. Bruce, governor of Windward Islands, was alighting from a tramcar at Tooting, he was run into and knocked down by a bicyclist. He sustained only slight injuries.

The formal provisions under the Parks Regulation Act having been complied with, cyclists may use up to the hour of 10 a.m. the roads in Hyde Park open to carriages which have hitherto been closed to them.

Sensation was caused in the Midland road by a hairdresser refusing to allow his child suffering from small-pox to be removed.

An ambulance went several times without avail. The medical officer of health will be consulted as to what shall be done.

At Heywood, William Morton, a well-known local football player, was charged with attempting to commit suicide. He had arranged to be married, and on his mother desiring him to postpone it, his son obtained a knife and inflicted a slight wound on his hand. Discharged.

A young man, name unknown, was riding a bicycle on Friday in Moseley-street, Newcastle, and in endeavouring to avoid some men who were standing in the street collided with one of them and was thrown from his machine, falling upon his head. He was taken unconscious to the infirmary, where he died.

FOREIGN.

The Queen Regent and other members of the Spanish royal family have returned to San Sebastian from Vittoria.

The Pope is in the best of health. His physician says "if nothing unexpected happens he may attain his 100th year.

An English visitor and a boatman have been drowned at Musterlingen, on the Bodensee, through the capsizing of a sailing boat.

A Russian Nihilist, who escaped from prison in 1887, has been arrested at Bremen on a hint from the Warsaw police. Many letters and pamphlets were seized in his possession.

The British Ambassador at Berlin, Sir E. Male, will present his letters of recall to the German Emperor at the close of the naval manoeuvres in September.

The Brazilian legation in London has received a telegram from the Minister of Public Works to the effect that the proposed congress of engineers to be held in Rio de Janeiro has been postponed sine die.

The anniversary of the birthday of Napoleon I. was celebrated in Paris as usual by a banquet organised by the Plébiscitary Committee. The chairman of the Committee should take a decidedly independent line upon Church questions.

ELECTION INTELLIGENCE.

ELECTION PETITIONS.

Justice Day heard applications at the Law Courts on Friday.

St. George's-in-E. — Mr. Benn (R.) applied for recount. Granted. Mr. Marks, M.P. (U.), for further particulars which were ordered to be supplied within seven days.

Hackney (R.) — R. applied for recount. Defeated candidate, Mr. Cremers (R.), Mr. J. Lowes (U.), was returned by St. Grante.

Recount, Aug. 30.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Sir F. Evans for recount. Two M.P.'s are Sir J. Simeon (U.) and Mr. T. Chamberlayne (U.). Granted. Recount on 26th and 27th inst. Returning officer to be present.

LANCASHIRE.—Col. Foster (U.) asked for particulars of illegal practices alleged by Messrs. Bradshaw and Kaye. Particulars within seven days.

DUNHAM, CITY.—Hon. A. Elliot (U.) applied for recount. Mr. M. Fowler (R.) was returned by one—Granted. Particulars to be supplied to Mr. Foster.

HARTEFORD.—Sir C. Furness (R.) declines to petition against return of Ald. Richardson (U.).

LICHFIELD.—Petitioners, Sir C. Wolseley and others, against return of Mr. H. C. Fulford (R.). Intimidation, personation, &c., alleged. Hearing, November.

NORFOLK.—E.—U.—contemplates petitioning against return of Mr. R. Price (R.), whose opponent was Mr. R. Haggard (U.).

FALMOUTH BURGOS.—II party will find funds R. will petition against return of Mr. J. Wilson (U.). Bribery by U. agent alleged.

ELECTION EXPENSES.

Several M.P.'s have attended this week before Mr. De Retz at Westminster to make sworn returns of their election expenses.

Mr. M'Calmont, M.P. for Newmarket, returned his at £1,150. Mr. Labouchere's at Northampton were £207 15s. 2d.

Mr. Drucker's £233 6s. 5d. Mr. H. M. Stanley, M.P. for Lambeth, swore his at £238 8s. 3d; Sir W. Walrond's (U. whip) at Tiverton, £223; Sir H. Jones Colling's at Birmingham, £207 18s. 3d. Dr. O'Connor's (who was defeated by Mr. J. Chamberlain at W. Birmingham), £341. Mr. Cornwall, unsuccessful R. candidate at Hull, has made a return of £757 15s. 1d. Capt. Bowles, at Enfield, £240 11s. 8d.

SOLICITOR-GENERAL'S.

An interview took place on Thursday between the Prime Minister and Sir E. Clarke. The latter has now finally and positively declined the office of Solicitor-general upon the restrictive terms on which it was offered him.

In the House the chances of Mr. Finlay for the post are considered favourable, while the name of Mr. Dunbar, B.A., is mentioned as Solicitor-general for Ireland.

CHURCH PARTY.

Church party met on Tuesday, when it is expected that Lord Cranborne and Sir J. Kennaway will be elected Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Parliamentary Committee.

It is intended that the Committee should take a decidedly independent line upon Church questions.

RADICAL PARTY.

A meeting of R. members of the House of Commons was held on Friday. Mr. P. Stanhope presided, and 42 were present. Mr. J. H. Maden and Dr. Clarke were appointed secretaries of the committee, and Mr. Jacoby treasurer.

IRISH PARTY.

Mr. J. McCarthys has been re-elected chairman of the Irish party. Mr. P. O'Brien, M.P. for Kilkeny, has been appointed P. whip.

The A.P.'s met again on Friday to appoint a sessional committee. There was a large attendance, but Dr. Tanner was absent. It is reported he is ill.

ULSTER MEMBERS.

At a meeting of the Ulster M.P.'s in the House of Commons on Thursday, Col. Saunderson was re-elected chairman. Mr. Dunbar Barton consented to act as secretary and whip of the party, vice Mr. Macartney, now a member of the Government.

IRISH SEATS.

It is rumoured that Mr. Clancy intends to retire from N. Dublin to make way for Col. Nolan, and that Dr. Kenny is shortly to resign the College Green division to give place to Mr. E. Maguire.

WELSH PARTY.

A meeting of the Welsh party was held at the House, when Sir G. O. Morgan was appointed Sessional Chairman, and Mr. J. H. Lewis and Mr. W. R. Davies, hon. secs. Sir W. Harcourt was not present, but wrote intimating his willingness to help his Welsh colleagues.

CHARGE OF BRIBERY.

At Wigton two summonses taken out by the R. agent against Councillor Litherland, a prominent U., were heard, charging defendant with giving various bribes to wives of two colliers with the object of inducing their husbands to vote for the successful candidate, Sir F. Powell. Defendant maintained that the story was concocted, and called witness to disprove it. Magistrates stated that there was not sufficient evidence to send the case for trial. Counsel for prosecution gave notice of his intention to present a bill of indictment at assizes.

Mr. W. J. Keen, colliery manager, was fined £5 for imputing during the election for the Ince Division dishonesty on the part of Mr. S. Woods, Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, and ex-M.P. for Ince Division.

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Mr. Price moved an amendment proposing remedial measures for the depressed condition of agriculture.

He suggested an autumn session.

Mr. P. O'Brien seconded the amendment.

Mr. W. Ridley said he had considered it his duty to go thoroughly and impartially with an open mind into these cases and to satisfy himself that there was no miscarriage of justice, and, in fact, he was at the very moment engaged in it. In regard to the length of the session he was willing to give, as far as he was willing to take up of sitting, because he was unwilling to take up an attitude of non-possession. He had no shadow of doubt that the decision arrived at by Mr. Asquith was right, but he still considered it his duty to fully examine the cases. He thought his duty to forget the political motives, and to treat the cases of ordinary crime, but he could not do so, no encouragement of general amnesty. Mr. J. Redmond contrasted the manner with which the subject had been approached by the present and the late Home Secretary, the latter of whom had met it with absolute non-possession. Mr. Balfour thought Mr. Redmond's speech indicated some misconception of the views of the Home Secretary, and contrasted the conduct of the Home Secretary with that of Mr. Atkinson, who had the iniquities with which Mr. Healy had charged the Government did not exist anywhere but in his imagination. Sergeant Hemphill supported Mr. D. Dillon's amendment, but could not support that moved by Mr. Price, as it was not in accordance with the amendment was negatived by 257 to 123. Mr. Redmond's amendment was rejected by 243 to 113.

IRISH POLITICAL PRISONERS.

The debate on Mr. Dillon's amendment to the Address was resumed by Mr. Lough. Sir A. Rollit hoped the offer to enfranchise the 17th class would be accepted. Mr. M'Carthys urged the proposal. Mr. Redmond introduced the question of the evicted tenants should be introduced at once. Mr. J. A. Price joined in the appeal for non-controversial legislation during the session for removing land grievances and dealing with the needs of the evicted tenants. Mr. T. Healy denied any attempt to interfere with the Irish Secretary. He had no objection to the bill introduced by Mr. Redmond, but he did not support that introduced by Mr. Dillon. Mr. Healy supported Mr. Dillon's amendment, but could not support that moved by Mr. Price, as it was not in accordance with the amendment was negatived by 257 to 123. Mr. Redmond's amendment was rejected by 243 to 113.

POPULAR FARM COLONY PROJECT.

IMPORTANT L.G.B. DECISION.

The Local Government Board has refused to sanction the scheme originated by the Socialist and Labour members of the Poplar Board of Guardians, which has jurisdiction over the three largest East-end parishes of Bow, Bromley, and Poplar, to establish a farm colony for the unemployed at Dunton, Essex.

The L.G.B. also point out that the guardians are not empowered to provide buildings for the accommodation of any unemployed who may be set to work when the buildings are not to be regarded as work-houses. This decision is of importance, as several metropolitan boards of guardians are making similar applications for departmental sanction to kindred schemes.

PROMISING YOUNG WOMAN.

HEARTLESS ROBBERY.

At Marylebone, Francis Sedrick, 16, general servant, living at Paradise-street, Marylebone, was charged before Mr. P. Plowden with stealing a skirt worth £6 belonging to Annie Conway, a blind woman, residing at North-street, Edgware-road. Upon entering the dock the girl assumed a callous air and appeared much amused at the proceedings.

It was stated that on the previous day prisoner had been at the house where prosecutrix lived and inquired of one of her lodgers for Miss Conway's room, but before she had got into the room, she had been charged with the girl's room.

Mr. J. Ferguson deprecates the conduct in the House of the motives which had actuated judges.

The House might have perfect confidence in the impartiality of the Home Secretary, and he urged that the subject should go no further. —Mr. Clancy withdrew his amendment.

DEFENCE OF AGRICULTURE.

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IT WAS RENT DAY.

Mr. Channing, and, having assisted prisoner to put on her jacket, she (prisoner) left, thanking prosecutrix heartily. A day or so later prosecutrix missed the skirt in question from behind her door, and, suspecting that prisoner had taken advantage of her blindness to rob her, she reported the matter to the police. Inquiries were made, and it was found that the skirt had been sold by prisoner to a woman for 9d, under false representations. Shortly afterwards prisoner was arrested on a charge of being in the unlawful possession of some articles. —The girl's mother, being called by the magistrate, said, amid sobs, that her daughter had been charged several times, and was wholly beyond control. She had been sent to a reformatory, but escaped by leaping from a wall 30ft. high, and when captured she was ordered off to another reformatory, but she again escaped by jumping from a train while it was in motion. —Prisoner's only defence was that her mother had beaten her with a cane and inflicted wiles all over her body. —Reformatory for three more years.

Mr. W. Greet has made arrangements with Mr. C. Hawtrey to produce several plays at the Avenue Theatre. Commencement will be made with a revival of "The Private Secretary."

MYRTLE GROVE

TOBACCO

AND

CIGARETTES

COOL, SWEET, FRAGRANT.

TADDEY and CO. LONDON.

OUR OLDEST ACTOR.

Mr. James Doel, our oldest living actor, was born in 1803 at Market Bradley, situated on the boundary line of Wiltshire and Somersetshire.

Therefore, the veteran of the stage claims to belong to both counties.

He made his first appearance at a small private theatre, long since demolished, at Plymouth, when he was 17. After a varied experience in his adopted profession, he became manager at different periods of the Chinese Taffet.

In reply to Sir E. Ashurst Bartlett, Mr. Carson said he would give his best consideration to the question of the establishment of a board of representation for Ireland.

In reply to Mr. Field, Mr. G. Balfour said he would be most pleased to have the services of the establishment of a board of representation for Ireland.

In reply to Mr. J. A. Pease, Mr. Carson said the question of slavery in Zanzibar had received the closest attention of the Government. It was considered impracticable to take steps for the total abolition of slavery in the territories under British protection, but steps were being taken in those districts to extinguish slave traffic.

Mr. Carson said he had been sent down for misbehaviour in 1892 and 1893. The last letter the witness's son received, as far as he knew, from his son was in March, 1894. —Prisoner proceeded to cross-examine witness on the correspondence as to his son's conduct, which had been put in evidence in the case, but Mr. Lushington said the contents of the letters would speak for themselves. —Witness said he was not aware that his son had ever met prisoner. An appointment was made with the prisoner at Templecombe, but he did not keep it. When Miss Hansford, the girl whom it was alleged witness's son had seduced, was confined, witness sent the mother a few pounds. He did not know if the girl was sent to a home, from which she escaped in the

MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.

Witness had not decided whether his son should be ordained before he received Dr. Jackson's letters. Dr. Jackson might have said,

CIGARETTE PAPERS.
By JOSEPH HATTON.

The Richest Man in the World. There is nothing impossible and nothing new. The scientist is continually proving the first axiom and the novelist the second. I thought it a pleasant bit of extravagance when I related the burlesque notion of Jonas Levi's hospitality—bowls of current coin of the realm, gold and silver, on a hall table, in order that none of us visitors might ever be short of change. "My dear friend," said a friend with that particular cigarette paper in his hand, "don't you remember Dumas' *china bowl*?" I did not remember it. "You know what a heap of money he earned by his serial stories. They appeared in one of the leading American newspapers. Much interesting evidence and many curious letters are the result. None of the correspondents and not even the accomplished editor, however, have remembered one of the most interesting stories of the policy of President Lincoln in regard to the treatment of his fallen rival, Gen. Sherman, who was a very straightforward man, both a citizen and soldier, could not make out whether Lincoln wanted him to capture Davis or not. He therefore went to the President and asked him explicitly what he desired, and was answered in one of those quaint parables that were always on Lincoln's lips but never without a clear and definite application. "Whether I want him captured or not?" said Lincoln reflectively. "I'll tell you, general. Out in Sangamon county there was an old temperance lecturer who was very strict in the doctrine and practice of total abstinence. One day after a long ride in the hot sun he stopped at the house of a friend who proposed making him some lemonade. As the mild beverage was being mixed, the friend inquisitively asked if he wouldn't like just the least drop of something stronger to brace up his nerves after the exhausting heat and arduous journey. 'No,' replied the lecturer, 'I couldn't think of it; I'm opposed to it on principle. But,' he added, with a long look at the black bottle that stood conveniently at hand, 'if you could manage to put in a drop, unknown to me I guess it wouldn't hurt me much.' Now, general, Mr. Lincoln concluded, I'm bound to oppose the escape of Jeff Davis; but if you could manage to let him slip unknown to me I guess it wouldn't hurt me much."

DRUNKEN MOTHER AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN. Henry Newman, labourer, and Emily Newman his wife, of Shaks' Villas, Muswell Hill-road, Hornsey, appeared at Highgate in answer to a summons taken out by the N.S.P.C.C. charging them with wilfully neglecting their five children—Emily, 11; David, 8; Eva, 6; William, 3; and Ruth, 8 months. Mr. Phillips, solicitor to the society, said that the male defendant was a labouring man who gave the majority of his wages to his wife. The latter was in the habit of absenting herself from home and of drinking to excess. She was primarily responsible for the condition of the children, but it had been thought proper to also bring the husband before the bench. The evidence showed that all the children were exceedingly dirty and covered with vermin. They were scantly clothed, and some of them had any boots—Dr. Fletcher said the place was so filthy that he dared not even put his hat down—Mr. Bodkin sentenced the woman to three weeks' hard labour, and the case against the man was dismissed.

ELBE DISASTER. FINDING OF THE GERMAN COURT. The finding of the Admiralty Court at Bremerhaven in regard to the loss of the Elbe has been published as follows:—"The blame of the collision between the Elbe and the Crathie is to be attributed to the mate of the Crathie, who immediately before the occurrence deserted his post on the bridge and chattered with the lookout man in the gallery. The officer in charge of the watch on the Elbe cannot, however, be freed from the reproach that he omitted to get out of the way of the Crathie by timely manipulation of his helm or to attract the attention of the crew of the Crathie by signalling with his steam whistle. The orders given by the captain and executed by the officers and crew of the Elbe for the purpose of saving life are deserving of praise. That the Elbe founded in so short a time, causing thereby the loss of 322 lives, is not attributable to defects in the construction, seafaring, equipment, loading, or manning of the vessel, but solely to the severe damage incurred, which extended to watertight compartment No. 6 amidships, so that two divisions were thereby flooded with water. There are no grounds for censuring the navigators of the Crathie in regard to their omitted attempts to save life on the rapidly-sinking Elbe, as their vessel had sustained such severe injury that there was justifiable fear that she would herself founder. The conduct of the crew of the Elbe in the boat is deserving of recognition, and the rescue of the shipwrecked people by the Wildflower merited the highest praise."

OPIUM PILLS. Coroner Trebeck held an inquest on the body of Dr. E. Garlike, 33, late of Kensington, who was found dying from opium poisoning at Faulkner's Hotel, Villiers-street, Strand, and expired a few hours after his removal to Charing Cross Hospital. Evidence was given that the doctor had been staying at the hotel a week or two. He complained of sleeplessness, and told the servants he never went to bed until he was obliged to do so. A bottle of opium pills was found in his portmanteau, and his widow stated that at that time lived in the last house that had a garden in the centre of New Town. I had mentioned to him my meeting with Jefferson Davis. The last person to whom he introduced me was Gen. Beauregard. Had not I recognised the Southern chief from his portrait preserved in a sketch book illustrating the opening of the war? that my host was joking, but he was sure enough—the man who fired the first gun! In my portrait he was a short, well-built young soldier, with moustache and imperial, not unlike a Frenchman in his smart military uniform. Time had whitened his hair and lined his face, but he was still the alert well-set-up soldier. Under pressure he talked a little about the war, but without the smallest trace of animosity against the North, and he assured me that this had become characteristic of all his brother officers. This impressed me deeply to have from his own lips the brief story of his gunner. "His name was Edmund Ruffin, an aged and determined secessionist. He came from Virginia to solicit the privilege of beginning the cannonade for the South. When the cause he served was hopeless, the

front parlour was used as a butcher's shop; the back parlour was a salami manufacturer; where the two men worked making sausages; the lower part, a kitchen, was used as a salami kitchen, where the tailors sat at work a rest and dined where the tailors sat at work a rest and dined. There was a small yard behind the kitchen, to which they also had access. There was no attempt at ventilating the kitchen, but it had been used for a salami kitchen, and an assistant sanitary inspector, corroborated Mr. Harvey, said that on some occasions he had found five persons at work tailoring in the kitchen, which was only 10ft. whilst cooking was also done there. This is a sample of the house-farming which is practised all the time in the houses in the district, the house being got hold of by aliens, and let out at "sweating" rents."

Such is the house of one of the thousands of irresponsible persons whom we permit foreign Governments to dump upon our shores in company with other examples of their poorest and their worst subjects. Discussing the disabilities of the East-end recently I quoted some startling facts from the reports of the commissioners of "The British Weekly," omitting however, the remark of an intelligent working man, to which my attention has since been called. "If we broke the heads of 50 Jews down here in Whitechapel something would be done to prevent an immigration that is crowding us with pauperism and disease." This is only an application of Mr. Gladstone's theory of "the chapel cell." Proper and persistent petitioning of Parliament would be as effective as assault and battery. Moreover, the sinners are not all Jews, and many of our Semitic brethren are sent to

war practically over, he hanged himself."

Between Ourselves. They have done it in the kindest way, I am bound to admit, more particularly those friendly critics who have written to me on the subject. The literary gossip of those newspapers that have noted "the same error that more than one distinguished author has fallen into" only desire to put me right. "Not, my dear sir, When Greek Meets Greek," but "When Greek Joined Greek," says the most scholarly of my correspondents. More than one "cultured" journal has done me the favour of a similar correction. Deeply impressed with their kind intentions, I spare their blushes. They shall not say I did not appreciate their generous collaboration. Curiously enough, not one of my private correspondents, not one of my critical friends in the press, while collecting me, have quoted Lee at all. They all make the post say, "When Greek Joins Greek," or "When Greek Joined Greek." To have justified their intervention they should at least have been absolutely faultless in their repetition of the original line, which is, "When Greeks joined Greeks then was the tag of war." The title of my story is the popular adaptation of this familiar line, which has become an accepted axiom. "When Greek Meets Greek" carries to the mind of the general reader a clearer message than "When Greeks Joined Greeks." It is as understandable by the people as would be "When Briton Meets Briton," with its significant exemplification in the historic war of the colonists against the mother country—when British met British in the pages of this wonderful novel that only fully realises the charms and power of money. It is surely a very strange thing that in real life the millionaire does not seem to appreciate his potentialities. He doesn't give gold away promiscuously, as my friend who reminded me of Dumas declares he would. "To be so rich that one could afford never to deal with anything but gold! To give your cabman a sovereign; to offer nothing less than gold for any service; to be able to spend a thousand pounds without feeling it! What a splendid element of surprise this would mean; what sudden delight one could give to poor devils; what sunshine one could scatter in dark places!" By the Lord, it doesn't bear thinking of; and yet there are plenty of men and women to-day who possess this gift of gold!" Without the gift of appreciation, I suppose. Every condition of life has its compensation. In the bare contemplation of what we do would my friend feel a thrill of pleasure that probably the richest man in the world never felt with all his wealth and its opportunities. By the way, when I say "the richest man in the world" it is only a figure of speech; it has no individual reference to that extraordinary mortal. Do you know what it means to be the richest man in the world? It means that you may spend half a million a year, and that your accumulations of wealth, apart from your regular income, are rolling in to the tune of two or three millions a year for investment, over and above the trifling five hundred thousand a year that you are using for pocket money. One nevertheless goes on trying to save a few pounds out of an income the amount of which the richest man spends in cigars. Really it is hardly worth while laying by; let us eat, drink, and be merry, for to-morrow—ay, there's the rub, all his millions can't buy one hour beyond the allotted time; and what does it matter how gorgeous a fellow's funeral is!

Sudden Wealth. "While use is second nature," the surprise of sudden riches is occasionally death. Not long since a poor man in France died of joy on coming into a fortune. Another lucky legatee in the North drank himself to death. It is hard to realise the sensation of coming into unexpected wealth. Taylor, the London policeman, who has just been restored to the position he had resigned, has in a short time felt the bliss of it and the sorrow of disappointment. The fortune of £20,000 he was apprised of was a myth, and he had to obtain the influence of friends to recover his relinquished truncheon. What astonished him most during his alleged wealth, were the hundred of letters which he received claiming a relationship and friendship from persons he had never heard of, illustrious authors, famous generals, not their personalities always disappointing? If Jeff Davis was man of mid countenance, he had set up his standard and been assassinated at Washington, but not before he had overwhelmed the South with defeat and maintained the integrity of the Union. God forbid that England and Ireland should ever be drawn into an open conflict of the one hope of thousands of Irish-Americans on the other side of the Atlantic—a futile hope it may seem to many, but there is no knowing what may be on the cards in a future that is so full of varied warlike contingencies. To return to Jeff Davis. He and I and my friend adjourned to the smoke-room after luncheon, and to the best of my belief Davis smoked one of the churchwarden pipes of the club. He disappointed me. Do not all men who have done great things or been mixed up with notable affairs we have read of, illustrious authors, famous generals, not their personalities always disappointing? 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OUR OMNIBUS.

PIPER PAN.

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At the Crystal Palace and the Albert and St. James's Halls the high pitch is still to be used, and it seems to me that it may prove awkward on some occasions. Supposing some emergency arose when orchestral players were required whose instruments had been altered to the diapason normal; or in the case of an epidemic such as the influenza last year, substitutes would frequently be wanted, so that if some of the halls adopt the new pitch and others do not, confusion must inevitably result.

It is said that the number of 13 was closely associated with some of the chief events of Richard Wagner's career. He was born in 1813, and died Feb. 13. His exile from Saxony lasted 13 years. He wrote 13 operas, and the Bayreuth Theatre was opened on Aug. 13. There are many other instances besides these which go to prove the persistent way in which the proverbially unlucky number followed the famous composer throughout his life.

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BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

I am very much indebted to a correspondent for the following account of an extraordinary instance of curious nesting of fowls:—"When a little boy, my home was in an old French chateau, the nursery of which had a small window looking on to the poultry yard. My sister was then about 10 years old, and our great amusement was to feed a tiny Bantam hen which used regularly to fly up to the window sill to pick up the crumbs which we placed there for it. After a time it became so tame that it would sit on my sister's knee whilst she stroked its head. Judge of our surprise when one day it deposited a little egg in her lap! This it continued to do daily for several weeks, much to the delight of us children, who became quite attached to our pet. I have never heard of a similar instance of a fowl doing such a thing, and fancy the account I have given, the truth of which I can

vouch for, may prove of interest to your readers."

Amongst the birds which choose curious nesting sites swallows and martins are apparently noteworthy. Last week in "Land and Water," was given a figure of a nest of a pair of swallows on a hand-rake which was hanging to a wall of a shoe-smith's forge, where work was continually being carried on. The birds seem to have perceived that the rake was moveable, and did not attach the nest to the wall. From Kempton we hear that a pair of martins have built a nest on one of the lower pegs in the hat-room of a boys' school, where the boys are constantly in and out. The nest is quite within reach of the smallest of them, and the birds seemed to few to see that clever impersonation.

A correspondent in the "Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society" gives an account of an operation on a tiger whose claws had grown into the flesh. The modus operandi was to get the beast into a cage with a false roof, which could be moved up or down. When the animal was in, a dozen men hove down on the roof and the poor tiger was forced down by the weight, and his legs, sprawling out, were protruded through the bars of the cage; the leg to be operated upon was caught in a noose and tied to a horizontal fixed bar. When this was accomplished the cutting of the claws was easily got over. Previous to the cutting of the claws the tiger had torn one of them out, which necessitated the foot being dressed with antiseptics, and for 45 days he was kept in this cage and subjected to this rather unpleasant treatment daily. He, however, was completely restored to health.

The same journal also contains a note on the voracious habits of the bull-frog, whose food seems to be any living thing which he can get outside of. A correspondent had known this creature three times try to swallow a chicken. On another occasion a large frog was seen to swallow the head of a snake about 2ft. long, " gulping down the body as you wind up a measuring tape," when the snake's struggles caused it to fall into a tank and it was lost to view. After this a mouse was thrown into a pond containing several of these frogs. It had scarcely touched the water when a frog darted forward and it disappeared. Finally, on dissecting a frog which had a cricket ball appearance, a full-sized sparrow was found inside.

I learn that the agriculturalists of the State of Minnesota are just now contending against a plague of grasshoppers. A machine has been devised which, judging from the enormous quantities of grasshoppers destroyed, viz. 8,000 bushels per diem, is working great havoc amongst them, and it is hoped that by this means they will be exterminated, if not quite, exterminated. The machine is furnished with a trough filled with coal oil, which is drawn over the ground. The grasshoppers jump up as the machine approaches and fall into the trough of oil, which instantly kills them.

The result of the annual census of the swans on the Thames between Henley and Southwark Bridge, belonging to the Queen and the Dyer's and Vintner's Company is that there are 379 birds of all ages. The count is undertaken by one of the Queen's swan-keepers and the officials of the City Guild. The birds are captured, and their respective owners' marks attached to each of them.

News has reached me that the celebrated orang-outang Jumbo, of the Zoological Garden at Berlin, has just died. The body weighed close on 10 stone. Some little while ago a German sculptor commenced to make a model of the animal, which, on account of its restlessness, was not an easy task; now that it is dead it will be easier to perform, and will, no doubt, be speedily completed. The model, together with the stuffed skin, will probably be placed in the Berlin Museum.

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THE ACTOR.

The Mr. Wilfred Clarke who will re-open the Strand Theatre on Monday is not that son of Mr. J. S. Clarke who was seen at a Vaudeville matinee a few years ago. That was Mr. Creston Clarke, who, I believe, has made a reputation in America in character parts. Mr. Wilfred's success is being in the direction of the comic, mainly. In 1884 and 1885 Mr. Wilfred Clarke was playing small parts in London theatres, learning his art, that is to say. In America he has taken a position which makes his London entries now of very great interest to playgoers.

Miss Nethersole will be followed at Islington by Mr. George Alexander, who will make Mr. Wilmot's theatre, not for the first time, the starting point of his forthcoming tour. I understand that, during that tour, he will not present to the country public "The Importance of Being Earnest." I am told, but cannot say of my own knowledge, that certain provincial managers objected to that play on account of its authorship. If this be so, no one need be surprised; but what a pity that so breezy and brilliant a comedy should be placed, apparently for ever, on the shelf!

I welcome the announcement that in the new Adelphi piece Mr. Terries will represent the father of the heroine. That excellent actor has been condemned by circumstances to play a long series of parts quite unworthy of his powers. I am almost inclined to think that he has never done those powers justice. I believe that he could, if he had liked, have made a name both as character actor and as a light comedian. How admirable was his light comedy in "The Fatal Card!" Those who think that his capacity is bounded by

the demands made upon him by Adelphi melodrama are much mistaken.

Another artist who has yet to be fully appreciated by the public is a lady who will be a colleague of Mr. Terries in the cast of the Adelphi piece. I refer to Miss Vane Featherston, who, I gather, will play "seconds" to Miss Mulward. Miss Featherston has a small part in "An Ideal Husband," and then, when Miss Fanny Brough left the cast, took her place, doing admirably. The best thing Miss Featherston ever did was her performance in a comedy called "Pedigree," played for one afternoon at Toole's Theatre. It is a pity that there were so few to see that clever impersonation.

Everyone is delighted that Mr. Toole feels himself well enough to go into professional harness again, though, at first, only for a short time. The first public sign of his convalescence was his appearance at the Lyceum on the last night of the season. Then he held a sort of informal reception, and shared with Sir Henry the honors and congratulations of the occasion. His pride in the distinction lately conferred on his old friend Mr. Toole is "Thoroughbred" again, for at the premiere he was obviously ill, and he did not play the part a second time. Virtually he is now to it.

When Mr. Cartwright assumes, with Mr. Dana, the reins of management at the Trafalgar-square Theatre, strong drama, we may expect it will be the staple of the bill of fare that he will offer. He is himself one of the strongest of our actors—the most "intense," perhaps, that we have on the stage. He is unequalled in the power of suggesting emotion which is with difficulty suppressed. This renders his manner a little volcanic at times, but he is always effective. Nor is he incapable of variety. How interesting, for example, was his representation of Cromwell at the Adelphi!

The new lessees of the Trafalgar will do well to change the name of the theatre, which was by no means felicitously chosen. "Trafalgar-square" was too long. "Trafalgar," by itself, had no meaning. Why not "The St. Martin's"? There can be no objection to associating a theatre with a saint, for we already have the St. James's. "The Duke of York's" is a little long, but no longer than "The Prince of Wales's." Almost anything would be better than "The Trafalgar."

OLD IZAAK.

The clerk of the weather invariably fails to please everybody, as must necessarily happen at times, but anglers who have been practising for rain are satisfied with his performances as they stand. For the time being the Thames and most other rivers are in fair condition, but it is very questionable how long this will last, and if more unsettled weather prevails the leading waters are not likely at present to yield the customary sport. The effect of the great storm on the 10th inst. was to put the fish off feed, and from what I heard little was done on the following day.

The Thames reports in the T.A.P.S. district are decidedly encouraging both as regards the quantity and quality of the fish taken, and I believe a similar statement holds good as regards the upper reaches of the river. From Kingston, Teddington, Shepperton, Hampton Court, Sunbury, and Twickenham good takes are reported by the fishermen, and at Kingston particularly the bank anglers have been getting a nice lot of fish. I can answer for the fact of some heavy fishing, it was not an easy task; now that it is dead it will be easier to perform, and will, no doubt, be speedily completed.

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The Arun was in fair order in the early part of the week, and a roach of 1lb. besides some good perch and dace, was among the spoil of the anglers at Amberley. The Medway is reported in fair condition, and some good baskets of roach have been had in the Tovil and Farleigh districts, the bait used being boiled wheat.

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R. Sacha, P.P.S., and others head a subscription list to replace the boat. Mr. Vince, of the Royal Hotel, or Mr. Rivers, the toll collector, will receive subscriptions, large or small, and I hope the little sum needed will be easily raised.

Training of sea-fishing reminds me that Mr. Ball, the hon. sec. of the British Sea Anglers' Society, announces that the South-eastern and Chatham and Dover Railway Companies have agreed to continue the privileges granted to yester year. Members may travel to Dover, Deal, Ramsgate, and Margate at a single fare from Friday to Monday at any time during Oct. 1 and March 31, the period during which the best fishing is to be had. The society meets monthly, membership costs very little, and the offices are at 64, Haymarket, S.W.

I hear from St. Neots that the river is quite out of condition, and the holiday time proved disappointing to the great majority of anglers, the universal cry being "no fish." Cultivate a habit of resisting the temptation to give way to its initial promptings as many do; a couple of pints per diem is sufficient for any man whose occupation does not necessitate exhausting physical exercise.

The strain on a machine is increased very much on muddy roads, and the rider of a "featherweight" under such circumstances can never consider himself free from the risk of a serious smash. No "featherweight" may be all right for the purpose of gratifying youthful vanity in the matter of increased speed, but for the ordinary rider who prefers safety they are a distinct misfortune. In America, where ridiculous light mounts are in great request, manufacturers are suffering to a serious extent owing to the guarantee system, smashed and serious accidents being alarmingly frequent, and now they are endeavouring to induce customers to accept a two-months' guarantee instead of the usual 12. But the featherweight craze proves its own curse in the majority of cases, it is a costly experience, however.

MADAME.

Scotch homespun is a splendid material for wanderings over moor and mountain. I came across an ideal costume for this purpose in that homely material the other day. The colour was a rich mixture, in which heather colour predominated, mingling with brown, green, and red. The skirt was rather shorter than the ordinary walking length; it was a round shape, with some fullness at the back. The foot was finished with a deep casing, inside and out, of waterproof cloth, which served the double purpose of an effective trimming and a protection from wet.

The coat I thought specially smart-looking. It was cut in the new style, with short basques at the back, but quite plain in front; the reverse was made of brown cloth to match the skirt trimming, were so arranged as to button across the chest if desired; very full topped gilets, pleated into wide armholes, were finished at the wrists with pretty turned-back cuffs of the brown cloth. A tight-fitting vest of soft woolen material in small check pattern of heather colour, with lines of red, was worn charmingly with the costume. The hat was of soft felt, turned up at the sides, trimmings at the front, and a band of brown ribbon and wing bow at one side.

Bathing costumes are specially smart this season; in some cases they are to my mind too elaborate. One I met with the other day commended itself to me as being simple and at the same time pretty. It was of dark blue all wool serge, the best of all materials for a bathing dress. The costume consisted of a full tunic, with open-fronted blouse bodice, and neat full knickerbockers just coming to a little below the knee. A deep sailor collar of white flannel, edged with two lines of dark blue braid, went over the shoulders and came down each side of the open fronts of the blouse. The blouse also became suddenly blind when a swell carriage dashed with the junction "past to the left." This is constantly done, but I have never yet seen an erring coachman brought to book for breach of regulation.

The police commissioner's recent edict against fast driving and riding in London does not receive much attention from the worst offenders of all, the drivers of tradesmen's delivery carts. They still swing round corners with sublime contempt for public safety, and charge crazily in crowded thoroughfares just as if they were monarchs of all they survey. It is, however, in the suburbs that these bold cavalcades rage to the worst extent. Yet, somehow or other, they never catch the vigilant eyes of the police. The force also becomes suddenly blind when a swell carriage dashes with the junction "past to the left." This is constantly done, but I have never yet seen an erring coachman brought to book for breach of regulation.

JACK ALLROUND.

"Kindly give a recipe for preserving those little red apples, round and very small, that look like cherries," asks Eva. "No doubt she means the same fruit as the Siberian crab, which 'E. A.' asks how to 'preserve whole for a dessert dish.' Those pretty little apples should be preserved before they are quite ripe, as the Siberian crab greatly loses its pleasing, slightly tart flavour, and becomes almost tastelessly mealy when ripe. Suppose you are going to preserve, say, one quart of crab. Into a white enameled saucepan put one quart of water with eight to ten cloves, a piece of whole ginger bruised, and about two inches of cinnamon. Boil these until the water is pleasantly flavoured, then strain it and make it into a syrup by adding to it two pounds of loaf sugar and boiling it carefully, skimming off the dross all the time. When boiled let the syrup stand till quite cold. Now rub the crab each separately with a piece of soft cloth, being careful not to break or injure the skin; leave about an inch or an inch and a half of stalk on each fruit, and prick the fruit with a needle to prevent the skin bursting when boiling. When the syrup is quite cold put the prepared crab into it, and place them near the fire let them warm very slowly, and then slowly bring them just to the boil, when at once remove them from the fire and allow them to set quite cold; then heat them again gently up to boiling, when, as before, remove at once and let set cold, and so repeat for three times at least and until the crab look clear. When they are clear lift them out carefully into the jars and pour the syrup over them; let them get cold before you put round paper steeped in brandy on the top, over which cover the jars in the usual way. Home cooks take three days to make this preserve, so as to secure that it gets absolutely cold between each of the boilings.

Three correspondents are in trouble about getting out glass stoppers from bottles and decanters. "Old Man's" glass-stoppered empty bottles appear to be all more or less dirty; probably therefore there is some sticky substance or crystallization between the inside of the neck of the bottle and the stopper; this, whatever it is, will need to be dissolved before the stopper can be loosened. But as I do not know what the substance may be, I can only suggest that the application of either water, oil, or muriatic acid to the top of the bottle will most likely help to dissolve whatever the substance may be, which has probably hardened round the top, and when that is softened the stopper will be found easy enough to draw. In the cases of "J. E. W." and "O. S." the tightened decanter stoppers will possibly give a good deal more trouble, and several devices may have to be tried before they are got out. I have known a very obstinate stopper at last loosened by tapping it on alternate sides with a piece of wood, such as, for instance, the handle of a hammer. Of course you must be careful not to tap too hard or you may break the stopper right off. The leather heel of a shoe I have known a capital implement to use for the tapping system. Suppose that plan won't answer, dip the end of a tea towel, or other cloth, into boiling water, wring it out, and wrap it round the neck of the bottle; this will expand the neck and loosen the stopper, and you can draw it out with ease, that is, if you do not leave the hot cloth too long on the bottle, for if you do it will expand the stopper as well as the neck, and the fit will be as tight as ever, but the hot cloth properly done is an excellent expedient. There are several other methods, but I hope the above will meet the case.

HOW CORPORAL ATKINS WON THE VICTORIA CROSS.

He was a "Tommy Atkins" of the good old-fashioned sort.

And many a scar he gained in war will tell you how he fought;

But something else about him will show what he has been,

For he wears upon his manly breast a present from his Queen.

He could drink and smoke and swear a bit, as every soldier can.

Still that was but the outward husk, his heart contained the man.

Ay, the heart inside his tough old hide, we knew upon that day,

When at Majuba's Hill he stood and kept the foe at bay.

Twice when we fought the Boers; I can see him as he stood,

Where the wounded lay behind him in the hollow of the wood;

With the white flag in his hand, while the shots were whizzing round;

Ay, and in spite of shot and shell that soldier stood his ground.

Said the colonel, "Guard the wounded," and he answered, "Sir, I will."

Death behind and death before him on dark Majuba's Hill.

For the enemy were firing o'er where the wounded lay.

And he made his stand until both hand and flag were shot away.

"No matter, I've another hand"—these were the words he said.

With his remaining hand he waved the flag above his head;

But not for long, brave soldier, across the smoking plain

There came a flash, a roar, and hand and flag were lost again.

Handless, defenceless, swaying amid the crimson flood,

Between his teeth he holds the flag, stained with his own brave blood;

But not in vain that gallant deed, for help has come at last.

The wounded are in safety, and the time of peril past.

And we his comrades true, we could not grasp his hand,

But our tears fell on his grizzled face, who'd made so brave a stand.

Hands left and right in that grim fight have gone, but he has gained

A noble claim to honoured fame, a life record unstained.

Near and afar, in peace and war, we tell the story still.

How Atkins held the flag of truce on dark Majuba's Hill.

And how he wears his sovereign's gift, her noblest and her best.

That glorious cross which bears the words, "For Valour," on his breast.

KAT BEE.

BICYCLE RIDING IN THE CITY.

LADY AND A SALVATIONIST FINED.

At the City Summons Court, Ald. Davies disposed of two cases of alleged dangerous bicycle riding.—In the case of the first defendant, Kate Goodwin, P.C. Byles said that on July 29 he watched defendant come down Ludgate Hill on a bicycle. As she was turning into Old Bailey she ran into a lady who was crossing. The machine struck her on the hip and nearly knocked her down. Witness stopped defendant, and asked her for her name and address. She said, "I couldn't help it; they should have got out of the way. I was on my right side." He asked her to come and see if the lady was injured, but she did not go and see. Witness went to attend the lady, who was crying with the pain of her leg, but she did not go to the hospital.—Mr. Davies said defendant was a lady married to a well-known gentleman in the City, and had 10 years' experience of bicycles. She had used every precaution.—Mr. Ald. Davies said bicycle riding might be very dangerous for ladies, but the public must be protected. Defendant must pay 20s. and costs.—A Voice: "Shame."—Ald. Davies: Who says "Shame." Let him leave the court.—It turned out to be Mr. Wharton, the injured lady's husband, and the alderman ordered him to leave the court.—Henry Bullard, next defendant of the Salvation Army, was the next defendant. According to the evidence of the constable, defendant ran into a girl who was carrying a large jug, and knocked her down. The girl refused to go to the hospital.—Miss Harris deposed that she was knocked down as stated by the constable.—Cross-examined: In trying to save the jug she over-balanced herself.—Ald. Davies: She was knocked down by a bicycle. That is the long and short of it.—For the defense it was contended that it was a pure accident.—William Street, a Salvation Army officer, of Clapton, strongly defended that defendant was riding quickly. He would swear that most of the policeman's evidence was untrue. It was utterly impossible for the policeman to see what happened. He was looking the other way.—An independent witness declared Miss Harris was knocked down through not looking where she was going. Defendant sounded his bell.—Ald. Davies: I shall fine you 40s. and costs for riding to the common danger of the public.—Remanded.

JACK ALLROUND.

the shape of the thumb and nail. This may take a good many heatings in hot water before you bring to proper and comfortable working order by pinching and squeezing, and finally cutting with a penknife when hard. All this figuring or knotting must be left to your own artistic skill, but I hope the above hints may enable you to do the work. "M. S." is also replied to in this note, as I have no more space at present for the subject.

"Doreen," "Thrifty," and "B. T." want to know how to preserve or pickle nasturtiums to be used as capers. Always choose a fine dry day for gathering the nasturtium seeds, wipe them dry with a cloth, and have a glass bottle which must be perfectly dry when you use it. Have ready prepared the following pickle:—To each pint of vinegar add one ounce of salt and six peppercorns, and boil this for ten minutes; after it has come to the boil skim it carefully and let it get absolutely cold before you pour it on the nasturtium seeds. If you cannot get enough seeds in one day to fill the bottle, cork up what you have after the vinegar is in, and add the remainder as you can gather them day by day. When the bottle is filled cork it close and seal or resin over the top. The "capers" so prepared this year will be fit to use when the nasturtiums come into bloom next year.

It is always satisfactory to hear that last year's rhubarb wine has turned out so well as "Young Housekeeper" reports. With regard to bottling, the bottles must be sound and good; champagne bottles I prefer. They must not only be thoroughly cleaned, but absolutely dry when used, and be careful to use sound good corks, which must be wired down. Any amount, up to fifteen gallons, may be bottled in six months; for larger quantities a longer time in the cask is needed. Let the bottles when filled, corked, and wired, stand upright for the first month, then lay down four or five of them on their sides to test for a week, and if none burst let them stand upright for another week, and then try again.

VOLUNTEER GOSSIP.

The appearance and out-turn of the Field Company of the City of London Engineers on mobilisation, and the Royal Engineers, was most creditable, and Mr. Wolseley has had the highest praise of them. As he marched them on to Hounslow to join Lord Methuen's command. They had 160 men and six officers, with 60 horses, seven wagons with teams, seven carts with pairs, and all were neatly and fully equipped with arms, pontoons, tools, groceries, rations, preserved meats, biscuits, &c. The men included nearly every craft, and included engineers, gunners, drivers, farmers, and Army signallers. These, the only Volunteers in the command, were a credit to the Auxiliary Forces.

The shooting in the North London Rifle Club on the 7th inst. was mainly noticeable for the shooting of Lieut. Richardson, L.R.B., and Lieut. Col. B. E. A. Queen's broad medal.

Richardson, with 100 yards at 100 yards, was the best, with 20 birds at 100 yards, and 25 birds at 100 yards.

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THE THEATRES.

QUEEN'S HALL PROMENADE CONCERTS.

What place is there in London where one can hear good music and at the same time indulge in the luxury of smoking? The music halls are not to the taste of every one—there is often more of the hall than the music about them—and so by organising a series of promenade concerts Mr. Robert Newman has advanced one step further in the popularity of his management at Queen's Hall. On Saturday the splendid building in Langham-place was well filled at the inaugural concert of this new venture. The whole of the spacious floor has been arranged as a promenade, with a pretty fountain graced with stately palms, in the centre, and set off with an effective contrivance of electric lighting, while the platform and its front have been decorated with varied blooms and ferns. Certainly this form of popular concert should by now have well established itself in public favour, and this last scheme is eminently deserving support. Nearly 60 years ago (to be exact, in 1838) the English Opera House, now the Lyceum Theatre, saw the first thing of its kind, and since then Covent Garden and Her Majesty's Theatre (now demolished) have been chiefly associated with this form of entertainment, although Drury Lane, the Princess's, and the Alhambra have all had their promenade concerts. An excellent programme was presented last night, bright, varied, and popular, and yet composed of a good deal of the best kind of music. The artists, too, were nearly all that could be desired, and the orchestra, containing some of our most capable executants, had for conductor Mr. Henry J. Wood, who well follows in this position such men as Sullivan, Beigiani, and Cowen. Wagner in the "Rienzi" overture, Bizet in a splendidly played "Carmen" selection, Ambroise Thomas in the "Mignon" overture, and the ever popular "Gavotte" were amongst the composers represented, and the interest of the performances was enhanced by well-written programme notes supplied by Mr. Edgar F. Jacques. For singers there were Mr. Franscioni-Davies, who, encored both in his magnificent rendering of the "Pagliacci" prologue, and in "Largo al factotum," from "Il Barbiere," obliged with a couple of songs beloved of the people; Miss Maria Duma, who also found much favour, and deservedly so; Mrs. Van der Veer Green, who has a beautiful voice, and used it like a true artist in an aria from Saint-Saëns' "Samson"; Mr. W. A. Peterkin, who sang pieces by Gounod and Mascagni; and Mr. Ivor McKay. Then Mr. Franscioni, so well known at the Crystal Palace concerts, played some delightful flute solos; and Mr. Howard Reynolds was as successful as ever with the cornet. In paying a tribute to the conducting of Mr. Woods it should be mentioned that he brought forward some "chromatic values" from an opera by the rising German composer, Kistler, and obtained for them a warm reception. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent despite the fact that the thunder and lightning outside were very much "en evidence."

MOORE AND BURGESS MINSTRELS.

The Moore and Burgess Minstrels have resumed their entertainments at St. James's Hall, which has been rendered more comfortable by extensive re-decoration, re-seating, and upholstering. In the first portion of the programme there are many new and tuneful ballads. "The Bell of Fate" is a charming song, composed by Mr. John Brattom, and admirably sung by Mr. T. Simmonds; while "Tied to His Mother's Apron String" is well rendered by Master Skip. "Glory or the Grave," a stirring military song, is given by Mr. Clement Stewart, and for "Singing in the Moonlight" Mr. Herbert Douglas is to be commended. There are also humorous songs by Mr. A. Wood, Mr. W. Freear, and Mr. J. W. Morton. The Three Ottos are amusing, and considerable merriment is created by Mr. W. Matthew's stump oration. There is also a travesty. "The Baby Elephant," and the entertainment concludes with the tableaux vivants. "Uncle Tom's Cabin." The programme is fully up to its usual high standard, and will no doubt prove very attractive during the coming season. While highly amusing, it is entirely free from vulgarity.

EMPIRE.

At the Empire Theatre a number of fresh and interesting items have been added to the programme. Chief among them are some clever selections by the Barra Musical Quartette, who exhibit their skill upon a variety of instruments. Their "turn" is very amusing throughout, and the fun reaches a climax when, on the introduction of a dummy policeman, the figure is converted into a trombone by one of the performers, and a stirring march is played upon the representative of the law. Their concertina selections are splendidly played and receive well-merited encores nightly. The Ball Troupe prove themselves expert bicyclists, executing a number of neat examples of trick riding; and Salerno is a clever juggler who performs some rather sensational feats by balancing lighted lamps. Rosario and Rafael, acrobatic equilibrists; Hill and Hull, the Continental eccentrics; Oakland and Thompson, the American duettists; Mr. Fred Mills, the ventriloquist; and the marvellous Craggs also contribute to the entertainment. The ballet, "Faust," has lost none of its freshness, and is still one of the chief attractions of a really sumptuous and varied programme.

ROYAL AQUARIUM.

The holiday "carnival" programme at the Aquarium has proved a great draw, and will be continued for another week. Amongst the additions are a troupe of wrestling bears, who show to what a pitch ursine nature can be trained. The Alsons, aerial gymnasts, fully maintain the reputation the Aquarium has achieved for daring mid-air feats, their performance being of an unusually thrilling nature. A very charming turn is that of the Folley Troupe, who juggle with the entire contents of a kitchen. The whole of the central stage performance is, however, as good that it can be witnessed again and again. Special mention should be made of the latest addition to the Aquarium attractions, the lantern lecture.

METROPOLIS.

For the holidays Mr. J. B. Mulholland revived the musical farcical comedy, "Go Bang," one of these variety entertainments in disguise which achieved such popularity at the Metropole a week back. It is to be retained in the bill during the week, and with such cast as Mr. George Minshall, Mr. E. W. Colman, Miss Alice Brookes, and Miss E. Roslyn, the entertaining features of the play are well emphasised. In common with other pieces of its kind, two acts suffice for its plot, but both form charming stage pictures. The next production here will possibly be "The New Barmaid."

"The Benefit of the Doubt" is the title of Mr. Piner's new play, in daily rehearsal at the Comedy, for production early in September. Miss Rose Leclercq has been added to the excellent cast already announced to play in the piece—Messrs. Weller and Morell have just produced at Southampton Mr. Carton's play, "The Home Secretary," which, with Mr. F. Mouillet and Miss Hall Caine in the leading parts, renewed the success already achieved by the piece in London.

Mr. Forbes Robertson has acquired the acting rights of Mr. John Davidson's adapta-

tion of F. Coppé's play, "Pour la Couronne," with a view to its production at the Lyceum, to be reopened on Sept. 17 with Mr. Koseno and Juliet. Mr. Austin Melford has been engaged to appear in the new autumn drama at Drury Lane.—Mr. George Alexander begins his autumn tour at the Burlington Grand on Aug. 26, proceeding afterwards in turn to Newcastle, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Birmingham, Leeds, Liverpool, and Manchester. At these provincial capitals he will repeat his London success, "The Triumph of the Philistines," "The Second," "Mrs. Tanqueray," "The Masqueraders," "The Idiot," and "Liberty Hall." Mr. Cartwright has accepted for production ultimately at the Duke of York's Theatre (lately the Trafalgar), a drama by Messrs. F. C. Phillips and Arthur Shirley, said to contain startling situations and stage effects.—There is a talk of a new and smaller playhouse being built in connection with surrounding residential suites of rooms on the site of the demolished Haymarket Opera House.—The series of revivals of Gilbert-Sullivan operas, due this autumn at the Savoy, will be started by Mr. D'Oyley Carte with "The Mikado." Mr. Wilfred Clarke's occupation of the Strand Theatre, commencing next Monday, will necessarily be brief, the little playhouse prior to his taking it, having been let for a late autumn and winter season to a syndicate directed by Mr. Harry Paulton.—A troupe of youthful gymnasts, the Salonnés, made their first appearance on Monday last at the Westminster Aquarium. Considerable difficulty has been experienced in getting the magisterial license, as two of the children are under the prescribed age, but Mr. Ritchie, stable arriving, was informed by the man's sister that he had suddenly gone mad, and had nailed the door of his room on the inside. The policeman broke open the door and found Thompson flourishing a heavy hammer, which he took from him. At 4 a.m. on Sunday the man opened his window and climbed on to the roof, where he sat shouting and gesticulating. A ladder having been procured, a constable mounted the roof, but at the police were communicated with.

STONE-THROWER PUNISHED.

At Lambeth, a boy named Frederick Sutler was summoned by the police for throwing stones.—P.C. Kennedy, said he saw defendant and other boys throwing stones in Amelia-street, Walworth. Defendant threw several stones at a passing train.—Mr. Groves, who represented the L.C. and D. Railway Co., said he was desired by the company to call attention to the frequency of this kind of offence in this district.—Mr. Denman fined defendant 10s. and costs, or seven days' imprisonment.

MADMAN ON THE HOUSETOPI.

EXTRAORDINARY SCENE.

A blind man, named Thomas Thompson, 63, living at Coburg-road, Teddington, has just been received into the Kingstone Workhouse as a lunatic. About a couple of hours after the storm had passed over on the 10th inst. Thompson threw open his window and shouted "Murder" and "Police." On constable arriving, he was informed by the man's sister that he had suddenly gone mad, and had nailed the door of his room on the inside. The policeman broke open the door and found Thompson flourishing a heavy hammer, which he took from him. At 4 a.m. on Sunday the man opened his window and climbed on to the roof, where he sat shouting and gesticulating. A ladder having been procured, a constable mounted the roof, but at the police were communicated with.

STRANGE DISCOVERY.

Last week, as two lads were walking in the direction of Blandon, near Sidcup, they noticed a parcel in a ditch. They called the attention of Dr. Johnston, who was passing, and he sent his dogs into the ditch to bring out the parcel, and on its being examined the party were horrified to find it contained a body of a child, which had apparently only just been placed in the parcel. The child, a male and recently born, was quite dead. The police were communicated with.

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A FARM COLONY FOR CAMBERWELL.

On Saturday the clerk to the Camberwell

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Those having no trade might be taught one, or the cultivation of land and gardens.

It is also suggested that the land be used to relieve pressure out of doors. The money required should be raised by loan on the rates. In conclusion, the guardians also suggest that the vestry might undertake to give employment first (in case of another severe winter) to those with families or others dependent on them. Such cases should have become known to their officers, and been visited by them. The guardians would cause special lists of these to be kept ready for reference to the vestry.

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that he had buried scores of babies of still-

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opened the graves in the chapel graveyard

and transferred them. He must have for-

gotten to remove the bodies in question,

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ATHLETICS.

READING WORKING MEN'S REGATTA.

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At the close of the last fiscal year there were 269,544 pensioners on the rolls of the U.S. Pension Bureau.

The annual cost of the retention of Chital by England is estimated at about 25 lakhs of rupees.

Two gentlemen from Vienna attempted an ascent of the Jungfrau without guides. One of them was killed.

In the course of some alterations at the back of Moore, Liberty's premises in Regent-street, a girder fell upon one of the workmen, inflicting injuries which were of a fatal character.

James Wallis Coventry, 20, living at Benthall Green, was found poisoned in a railway carriage at Holborn Viaduct Station, and died soon afterwards in St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Mr. H. Harris, who had witnessed a march past at Merthyr from a locomotive engine, jumped down to return to his business at the Cyfarthfa Works, when the engine moved and cut off both feet.

Buluwayo is advancing by leaps and bounds, streams of emigrants and many respectable farmers are flocking to it, and the railway will give an immense impetus to its prosperity.

Logwood is the marrow of a peculiar tree in the West Indies. It shipped in long, thick pieces of firm, heavy, dark red wood. It is split up and moistened by water or acid for use.

Mr. Gladstone says that he is not conscious of ever having given an opinion in favour of the abolition of the Second Chamber, or having used language which looked in that direction.

Owing to the state of his health Prince Bismarck will be unable to attend the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the memorial to the Emperor William I. at Berlin next Sunday.

The yield of wheat in Manitoba this year is estimated at 30,000,000 bushels, that of oats at 22,000,000 bushels, and that of barley at 8,500,000 bushels. The quality of the various grains is described as splendid.

Mr. J. H. Harrison has been appointed Deputy Clerk of the Council and Chief Clerk of the Privy Council Office, in place of Col. Fellow, retired. He has been in the Civil Service for upwards of 28 years.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners will accept £25,000 from the Hornsey District Council for Churchyard Plot Wood, and will keep the offer open till the end of 1896. An attempt is being made to secure the help of neighbouring authorities in raising the money.

During the recess Drury Lane Theatre has been in the hands of the workmen, alterations being necessary the cost of which has run into many thousands of pounds. Particularly, an almost entirely new system of drainage has been instituted at a cost of £2,000.

A visitor at Deal, having been struck with the hasty appearance of the veteran boatmen, offered a prize for a rowing match between them. The united ages of the 20 competitors amounted to 1,446 years, those of the winning crew being 340. Thecoxswain was 85.

William George Stinton, 3, son of D. J. Stinton, private coachman, living at Ingleton-street, Brixton, during the absence of its mother took a bottle of carbolic acid from the kitchen drawer and drank a portion of the contents. The child is now dead.

"General" Booth has decided in favour of Sunday cycling, and his two eldest granddaughters, aged 10 and 12, and their mother, ride to and fro between Hadley Wood and High Barnet for the Salvation Army meetings on Sundays.

Salmon continue to run up the Dee in great numbers, and the trammel net fishermen at Conwy's Quay have made some splendid hauls. The largest fish taken up to the present time is 42 lbs., and the largest take at one draught 50 salmon.

Lord Londonderry has accepted an invitation from the German Emperor to attend the parade of the Guards Corps, to be held in Berlin on Sept. 2, and also to be present at the imperial manoeuvres at Stettin between the 6th and 12th prov.

A bottle-nosed whale has been stranded on the foreshore of the Isle of Dogs, near the new recreation ground. The Leviathan measured 21ft. in length. It had no doubt been injured by collision with the screw propeller of a steamer, which had cut a deep gash in its side.

Among the 4,000 thieves, professional and unprofessional, who fell upon Paris shopkeepers in the first half of this year were a princess, a countess, a duchess, and the daughter of a reigning prince. They were all victims of "kleptomania," and were fined. The fine fed the hungry; for 100,000fr. went to the poor of Paris.

The Bury St. Edmunds Corporation on Aug. 13 considered a petition from a number of representative Jews in London and elsewhere, including Messrs. Rothschild and Sons and the Chief Rabbi, asking them to reconsider a proposal to convert the old Jew's House, Moyse Hall, into a fire-engine station. The building belongs to the 12th century. A committee will consider the matter.

Mr. H. Burt, chairman of the Hornsey District Council Works Committee, has taken up the question of whether there shall be a free library in Hornsey. He went to the trouble of taking a post-card poll of the district, and received nearly as many post-cards in favour of the library as there were voters at the last election. The replies included only about 300 against having a library. Mr. Burt has already promised of over 8,000 volumes.

Twelve months ago Beechwood, the Slough residence of Princess Soltikoff, was broken into, and upwards of £2,000 worth of jewellery carried off. None of the property had been recovered till Thursday, when an Eton waterman named Harris, while punting in the Thames, turned up a hand-bag containing a purse, a card-case, and a card bearing the princess's name. On a search by the police, two other purses were found, one containing a gold pencil-case.

It has been brought to the knowledge of the Hornsey District Council that a singular state of affairs exists in Hornsey Parish Churchyard. It is alleged that the ground has given way in some parts to such an extent that coffins are exposed to view, and further that the family vaults are not secure. The churchyard is higher than the roadway, and the ground giving way, it is alleged, has left the coffin protruding over the roadway. The council's medical officer and surveyor are to view and report.

The King of the Belgians arrived in London on Aug. 12. His Majesty travelled incognito, and was apparently so desirous of avoiding recognition that he walked out from Charing Cross Station, declining the use of the carriage which was awaiting him. On Tuesday he paid a private visit to the Colonial Office, accompanied by the Belgian Minister, and had an informal interview with Mr. Chamberlain, who subsequently returned the visit at the Burlington Hotel. After leaving the Colonial Office King Leopold also honoured Mr. Balfour

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Prince Nicholas of Greece intends to be present at the French Grand Army manoeuvres.

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The skeleton of an average whale is said to weigh no less than 50,000 lbs.

The best engines do not utilize over 10 per cent. of the calculated energy of the heat of coal.

Scientists believe that all salt, wherever found, has some originally from the sea, in some way or other.

The nearest approach to the North Pole was on May 13, 1892, when Lieut. Lockwood stood within 356 miles of that spot.

The average height of man in the U.S.A. is 5ft. 10in.; in England, 5ft. 9in.; in France, 5ft. 6in.; in Belgium, 5ft. 6in.

There were 2,234 prosecutions in Maine last year, and over half of them were for violation of the liquor law.

As part of the retrenchment policy in the Victorian Postal Department, no fewer than 150 country post offices are to be closed.

The water of the oceans, notwithstanding numerous local influences, is nearly of the same composition in every part of the world.

Copper wires are used for Mexican telegraph lines, so that they will hold the weight of the birds and monkeys that crowd them at night.

The oldest book in the world is said to be the Papyrus Pesse in the national library at Paris, and is attributed to the 34th century, B.C.

The latest anthropological statistics prove that in America the daily, monthly, and yearly number of births exceeds the deaths in the ratio of 3 to 1.

The Supreme Court of Monaco has awarded 24,500fr. damages to M. Bourdoncle for his dismissal from the management of the Monte Carlo Casino.

It is estimated that during the quarter ended on the 31st of March last, 29,393 persons left Victoria, and that there were 3,980 deaths.

The Rev. H. Henson, vicar of Barking, and rural dean, has accepted the chaplaincy of the Hospital of St. Mary and St. Thomas, Ilford.

A oak tree of average size with 700,000 leaves lost from the earth into the air about 123 tons of water during the five months it displays its foliage.

A decree has been issued authorising the importation into Belgium by railroad of sheep which are to be slaughtered at Antwerp, and the carcasses of which are to be afterwards re-exported from that port.

The white rhinoceros has become nearly, if not quite, extinct. There are two studded specimens in England and one in the Cape Town museum. It is the largest species of the genus.

The assistant Government statistician of Victoria has issued a return showing that the estimated population of the colony on March 31 last was 1,178,028, or a decrease of 74 compared with the population at the end of 1894.

It is understood that the expenditure originally estimated in connection with the National Portrait Gallery, to be built on the Millbank site, will be exceeded by nearly 50 per cent.

mid the ruins of the amphitheatre of Carthage, the scene of the martyrdom of many early Christians, a chapel has been erected in accordance with the wishes of the late Cardinal Lavigerie.

A brakeman named Greensmith, residing at Heaton Lodge, was killed on the railway near Crewe Station. It is supposed that he was crossing the line to join his train and was caught by one of the midnight mails.

The French Court of Appeal has just decided that as English law does not recognise the law whereby spendthrifts are deprived of the management of their property, an Englishman resident in France cannot be subjected to it.

The Sofia Court of Appeal has issued a decree ordering the arrest of M. Tufekchiev, arrested on the charge of murdering M. Stamboff. The court points out that there is no direct evidence of M. Tufekchiev's participation in the murder.

A man named Brady has confessed to the police that he was one of the men who robbed a train last October. A sum of £10,000 was carried off. Brady says they took only £300 and buried the rest. He cannot locate the buried treasure now.

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At Rotherham, a boy named Harry Lockwood was remanded in custody, charged with wounding Alfred Harwood, 13. The lad live at Parkhead. Harwood's condition is so serious that his depositions have been taken. He is suffering from injury to the head, caused, it is alleged, by a piece of brick thrown at him.

Only the female mosquito bites. Though it is asserted that she carries poison, the fact has never been proved; no venom glands have been discovered. Her sting consists of five extremely sharp needles, two of which are barbed. They unite to form an awl, which, having inflicted the puncture, serves as a tube for sucking the blood of the victim.

A Birmingham family have been poisoned as the result of eating cheese. A woman named Page and her two children, aged 12 and 2 respectively, partook of a quantity of cheese for supper. Half an hour later they were seized with vomiting, and had to be taken to the hospital. All three were in a critical condition, and their recovery is doubtful.

A correspondent who visited, the other day,

the German Emperor's steam yacht Hohenzollern says that the majority of the pictures in the corridor and the entrance to the state dining-rooms are those of British ships of war, while the largest picture—a steel engraving—represents Nelson on the quarter-deck of the Victory, at the battle of Trafalgar.

Some interesting figures are given in a Paris paper with reference to the bicycling tax and what it brings into the French exchequer. It realises close on £80,000 per annum, while the number of bicycles "declared" is just under 200,000, of which 38,000 are to be found in the department of the Seine alone. At the other end of the list comes Corsica, which at present only possesses 41.

At Lancaster, an application was made to the magistrates that the license of the Commercial Hotel, bought by the corporation for extending the municipal offices, an hotel which has had no occupant for three months, should be transferred temporarily to the borough surveyor. The license, it was said, was a valuable consideration, and the corporation did not wish to lose it. The bench refused the application.

The Apprentice Boys of Derry held their annual Orange demonstration on the 13th inst., numerous contingents from neighbouring towns arriving to assist. An unusual feature in the proceedings was that the brethren refused to attend the service in the cathedral, owing to their not being allowed to have a preacher of their own selection. Services were, therefore, held in two Protestant chapels. During the celebrations a young man named Holland was engaged in firing a gun de joie. He had converted a cart axle into a cannon, and under pressure of the

postal and telegraph staff worked 11 hours a day.

Experiments with the electric light are being made in Westminster Abbey.

A whale, when struck by a harpoon, cannot swim faster than nine miles an hour.

Express trains in Russia rarely travel faster than 22 miles an hour.

The city of Mexico is without chimneys.

All the cooking is done in Dutch ovens.

German shorthand writers rarely take down more than 45 words a minute.

Darwin asserted that there is insanity among animals just as there is among people.

The population of Nottingham is increasing more rapidly than that of any other provincial town.

In Europe the average length of human life is greatest in Sweden and Norway, and least in Italy and Austria.

A German pianist has invented a new keyboard in which the black keys are lowered to nearly the same level as the white ones.

An average of 18 suicides each day are annually recorded in Paris during the month of June; in December the average is 11.

Of the recruits in the British Army last year, 32,094 were born in England, 3,567 in Scotland, and 3,860 in Ireland.

The Rev. Mr. Lansdown, late of East Cliff Congregational Church, Bournemouth, has accepted the invitation of the church at Tolmers-square, and will begin his ministry there early in October.

Two little boys, named Taylor and Solmes, aged 10 and 8 respectively, were killed at Braunstone level crossing, by a passenger train from Coalville. The bodies were shockingly mangled.

Miss D. McFee, youngest daughter of Mr. McFee, of Montreal, Canada, has succeeded in passing all the examinations and securing the degree of Ph.D. in the philosophical course at the University of Zurich, Switzerland.

A remarkable old lady named Anna Rose, widow, who resides with a son at Milton-next-Sittingbourne, has just celebrated her 100th birthday. She was born at London Heath, Kent, in 1795, and retains her faculties to a marked degree.

The winner of £20 scholarship, tenable for two years in any European University, offered for the Welsh National Eisteddfod, has been made known. Mr. G. Robert, student at University College, Bangor, being the successful candidate.

It is likely that the long-standing question of a site for the "Darkest England" over-sea colony will shortly be settled. A leading officer of the Salvation Army is in Canada with reference to the proposal for establishing the colony on the Fraser River.

The Dean of Norwich has presented to the church he has erected on the Rivelin Alp a credence table made from oak which was taken from the rafters of the Triforium of Norwich Cathedral during the recent restoration, and is more than 500 years old.

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